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In re the Application of: YOSHIAKI SATO Serial No.: 10/561,166 Filed: DECEMBER 16, 2005 For: PRESSURE MUSCLE STRENGTH INCREASING APPARATUS, CONTROL DEVICE, AND METHOD BEING CARRIED OUT BY CONTROL DEVICE	Confirmation No. 1999 Art Unit: 3764 Examiner: MATHEW, FENN C.
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